



FAMILY LISTING

A photolisting of approved North Carolina
families interested in adopting
North Carolina's waiting children

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Dear Adoption Advocate:

This is the most recent edition of the NC Kids Family Listing. These families are interested in adopting children with special needs and have been approved for placement. Please review to determine if any of these families might be a suitable placement resource for children in the custody of your agency. If you think one of these families might be a potential match for one of your children, please call NC Kids at the above number (or download additional copies from <http://www.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>). NC Kids has copies of each family's preplacement assessment and would be happy to send you a copy. We are available from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It is our hope that when new families are approved to adopt, you will complete the Family Registration Form (DSS-1821) and send it along with a photograph and a copy of the family's preplacement assessment to the address above so they can be added to the Family Listing. We believe that this is a valuable resource in assisting the children of North Carolina in finding a permanent family.

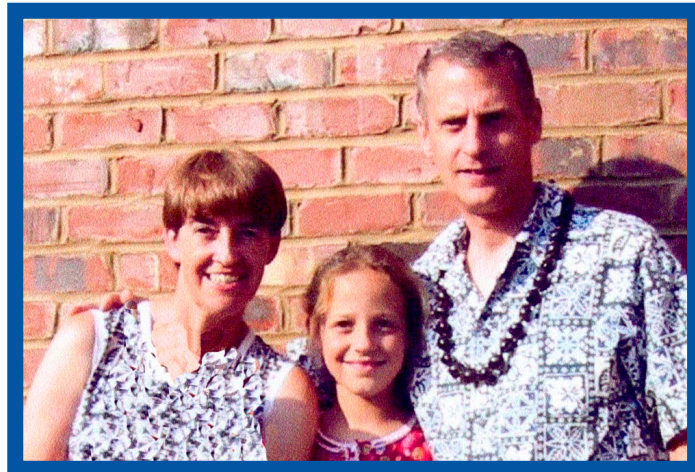
Feel free to circulate this list to all adoption social workers. The Family Listing is updated monthly and can be found at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>.

If you have questions or information to share, please feel free to contact us at 877-625-4371.

Sincerely,
Beverley Smith
NC Kids Director

NC KIDS FEATURED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Meet the Angert Family...



ANGERT
010-21461

Couple
Caucasian

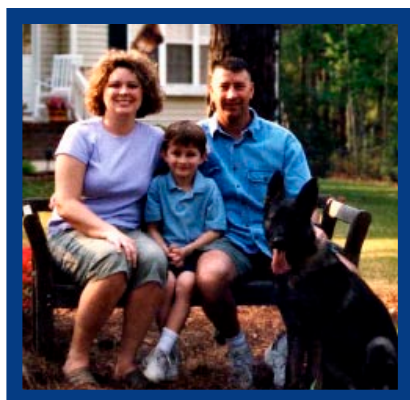
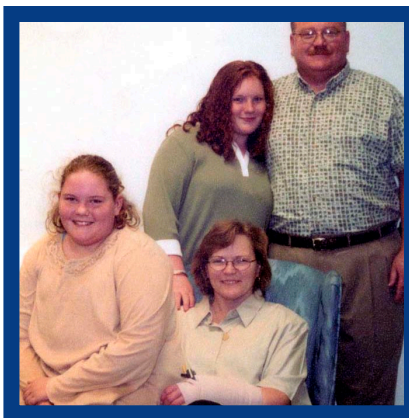
Jim and Jackie Angert are licensed foster parents who have fostered one child for over a year, and others for shorter terms. They have one birth daughter and feel they are experienced and stable parents. The Angert's have traveled extensively and are open-minded people. They would like to adopt a child of any race, ethnic origin or cultural background from birth to nine years of age. Jim and Jackie are open to adopting a child with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.



ARNOLD
090-18490

Couple
Caucasian

John and Martha, along with their two biological daughters, would like to add to their loving family by adopting a Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, or Hawaiian boy or girl, or sibling group of two, up to four years old. They are licensed foster parents and ready to permanently add a child with mild physical, emotional, learning, or mental retardation challenges. Martha Arnold is a licensed sign language teacher and is the county case manager for deaf and hard of hearing high school students. She is also an Exceptional Children's teacher who teaches job skills to students with disabilities. The Arnold family is involved in many activities, including Boy and Girl Scouts, band, and a variety of activities with their church.



ASH
043-19026

Couple
Caucasian

Five-year-old Marshall Ash keeps telling his mom and dad that it is time for him to have a younger brother and/or sister. Parents Bryan and Melissa agree. They would like to adopt a Caucasian or a child of Caucasian-mixed ethnicities between birth and five years. They have no gender preference, but think it would be nice to have a little sister for Marshall. The Ash's are also open to and approved for a sibling group of two children with mild physical, emotional, and learning challenges. Having experienced a variety of techniques in dealing with a child who has ADD, the Ash's are familiar with community resources. They are approved foster parents, as well.

BAKER
064-21556

Couple
Caucasian

Rob and Julia want to adopt a little boy younger than their birth daughter, who is currently seven years old. They are open to fostering and to contact with birth family. The Baker's combine qualities of a traditional family and lifestyle with their own talents and interests. Church and family are important to Julia and Rob spends most of his time skate boarding. Rob and Julia are open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.





BENFIELD
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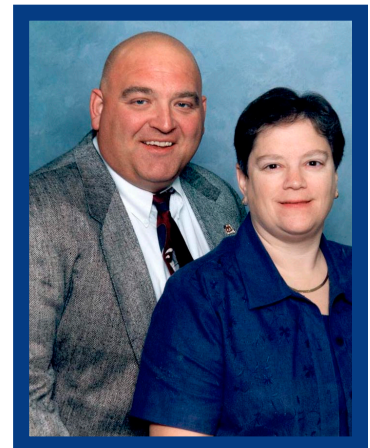
Couple
Caucasian

Bill and Tammy Benfield are friendly, caring, and open people. They genuinely love people and have a well-balanced mixture of calm and excitement. The Benfield's are active and enjoy spending time with children. Bill and Tammy have two birth children and are hoping to add two more through adoption. They would like to adopt boys or girls between birth and three years of age. The Benfield's are accepting of several ethnicities and prepared to love and nurture children with minor emotional or learning challenges. Bill and Tammy believe children should feel that they are important and contribute to the family in a positive way.

BOST
080-21008

Couple
Caucasian

Lee Ann and Rhyne have pursued their individual goals in life and are now prepared to pursue the shared goal of parenting a child together. They believe they have achieved a stability in their life that will help them provide structure to a child. The Bost's hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl (or two) between three and seven years old. They are licensed foster parents who hope to foster-to-adopt and feel confident raising a child with mild challenges. Lee Ann and Rhyne are very civic minded people. They are both involved in civic groups, volunteering, and are active in their church.



BROWN
032-14560

Single
Caucasian



Elizabeth Brown has always thought she would adopt a child. She has been involved with children she worked at a summer camp for children with disabilities. Dr. Brown has organized her life in the past few years with adoption in mind. Her mother also has extra room and has attended adoption workshops and training in support of her daughter adopting a child. Dr. Brown is a resourceful, proactive person who will utilize her talents to provide a loving home environment with clear expectations and structure. She would like to adopt a child or sibling group up to sixteen years old. She has no specific ethnic preference, but is particularly interested in African American, biracial, or Hispanic children. Dr. Brown speaks fluent Spanish and has a Ph.D. in African literature and culture. She is open to mild physical or learning challenges and up to moderate emotional challenges. She does not feel capable of caring for children with mental retardation, a history of animal abuse, or who act out sexually towards other children.



CHAPMAN
081-19151

Couple
Caucasian

Both Don and Bonnie Chapman remember their parents taking in people who needed help during their own childhoods, whether they were extended family members or members of the local community. It is a natural progression that, after successfully raising six sons, they would turn to adoption to help raise and nurture children in need of loving families. The Chapman's have the experience of adopting their four-year-old son and would like to adopt a girl between five and eleven years of age, or a sibling group of two children. They are open to and can parent a child of any ethnicity with a variety of special needs, including moderate learning and emotional challenges. With the consideration that their son's safety is of utmost concern, the Chapman's do not feel they can consider children who sexually act out, are physically aggressive, set fires, or who have attachment disorders. Don and Bonnie understand that a good match must be made with Ethan in order for the adoption to be successful, so they are willing to take the time to let the children get to know one another.



DODDS
011-18894

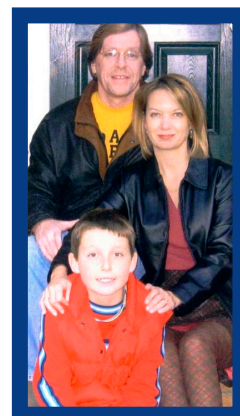
Single
Caucasian

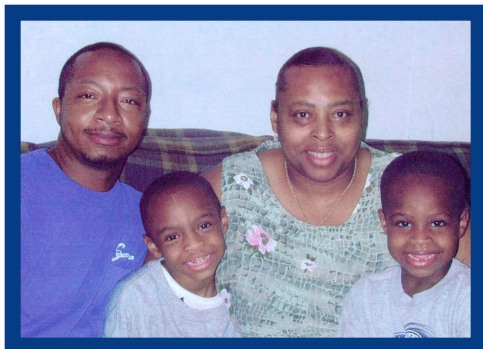
Rachel Dodds would like to adopt a boy or girl of any ethnicity between the age of 10 and 15. She feels that one of her strengths is being able to relate to a young adolescent, and believes she has the interests and family lifestyle that would suit the right young person. Rachel is an active, on-the-go woman with many interests. Sports and gardening are two of her favorite hobbies, along with playing with her friendly dogs. As a registered nurse and single parent, Rachel would prefer a child who is not seriously medically fragile. She feels could handle any number of minor medical, emotional, or learning issues. Rachel draws a great deal of support from her relationship with Professional Parenting and Adoption Plus.

DUFF
092-20348

Couple
Caucasian

Terry and Shirley Duff have explored the adoption process at length and understand that a child's individual needs will impact how they approach parenting. With Shirley's experience dealing with parents in crisis in the Special Care Unit at Duke she understands the child welfare system. She also adopted a child prior to her marriage to Terry who lives with them. Terry's experience as a camp counselor for underprivileged children and his degree in secondary and elementary education will be a bonus in understanding children. The Duff's would like to adopt a Caucasian or biracial girl in good physical health with minor emotional disabilities between birth and seven years of age.





EDMUNDSON
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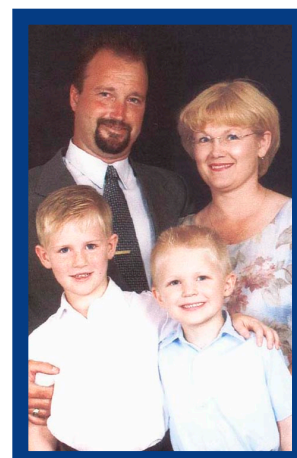
Couple
African American

Steve and Mary Edmundson are a delightful and fun couple with a solid relationship. They were high school sweethearts and have grown together as a couple and parents over their twenty years of marriage. They have two birth sons in their home and one adult son not living in the home. Mary is a minister and they are very active with their church. Steve and Mary are interested in fostering-to-adopt one or two little girls aged newborn to two years old. They are open to any race or racial combination and can accept mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Edmondson's are

EUBANKS
001-17419

Couple
Caucasian

Randy and Debbie Eubanks fostered and adopted two brothers with whom they developed a strong emotional attachment. They are ready to adopt again and are interested in the placement of a young girl or sibling group of up to three, with at least one child being a girl, up to age nine. They are open to any Caucasian/biracial ethnic combination of children with possible mild physical, emotional or learning challenges. The Eubanks enjoy camping, fishing, swimming, and playing miniature golf. They also like movies, singing karaoke, family dinners out, and the children's sports activities.

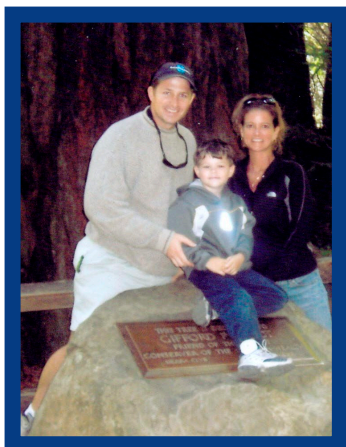


FLEMING
097-1564

Single
Caucasian

Miriam Fleming is interested in adopting one or two children, of any race, between twelve and seventeen years old. However, if the child is a girl, she would like her to be a little younger than twelve. Miriam is a licensed foster parent who will consider legal risk placements. As a regular respite parent for over a year with a special needs child, Miriam feels confident in raising a child with mild-to-moderate emotional, academic, physical, or medical challenges. She is not open to children who are sexually reactive or who have an attachment disorder. Ms. Fleming's position as a Park Ranger offers the possibility of moving outside of North Carolina in the future and she wants any prospective children to be aware and accepting of that.





FORD
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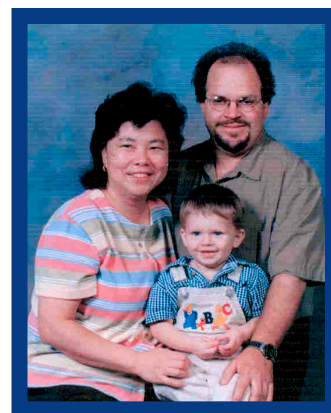
Couple
Caucasian

Vaughn and Kimberly Ford feel that they have been blessed financially and emotionally and want to give a child a loving and Christian home. They have one birth son and would like the opportunity for him to be a big brother. They indicated that, through MAPP training, they have learned a great deal about issues pertaining to children in the welfare system. The Fords hope to adopt a Caucasian girl under five years of age. They are open to moderate special needs, which they prefer to assess on an individual basis. The Fords do not feel able to accept a child with long-term major medical issues.

GORRELL
080-7674

Couple
Caucasian & Chinese

David and Lih-Yuh Gorrell have already adopted one child with a variety of challenges and whom they maintain birth family contact. They have plenty of experience and the knowledge of what to expect in the adoption process. They would like to adopt a boy or girl between birth and age three. They are open to a variety of ethnicities and up to moderate learning or mild emotional or physical challenges. David and Lih-Yuh are loving parents who have demonstrated the ability to put a child's needs before their own. The Gorrell's are stable, dependable, and have a flexible schedule.



GUNN
090-15682

Couple
Caucasian

Mark and Karen are hoping to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl from birth to age fifteen. They are open to a mentally healthy child, a child with up-to-moderate physical disabilities, and emotional or learning challenges. Mark and Karen are considerate, thoughtful and kind people. They are sincere and honest in their relationship together and with others. Mark enjoys playing the guitar and is learning to play the mandolin. Karen is learning to play the electric keyboard.

HAYES
051-13501

Couple
Caucasian

Carolyn and Dennis Hayes have already experienced adopting one little girl and would like to expand their family to include another girl or young sibling group of two girls between birth and three years old. They prefer the child be Caucasian or a combination of Caucasian/Hispanic or Caucasian/Native American ethnicity. Carolyn and Dennis are accepting of a few health issues (allergies, dental/speech problems, asthma) and a minor learning/developmental delay. While they do not feel able to raise a child with any emotional problems or difficulties, they are aware of the benefits of therapy. Carolyn and Dennis are not accepting of continued contact with birth family members, former foster parents, an open adoption or a legal risk placement, but they might consider some contact with siblings.



HALL
034-21682

Couple
African American

Shaunne and Monte Hall have been blessed with two birth daughters and would like to share their lives with a little boy or sib group of males. They would like their adoptive son to be younger than the girls, so they prefer ages two through seven. The Hall's have no ethnic preferences and are open to children with mild physical or up-to-moderate learning or emotional challenges. They have fostered several adolescent boys and have enjoyed the experience. Shaunne is a special education teacher at the local high school and can bring a level of experience and compassion to the children.

HILL
033-17597

Couple
Caucasian

With six adult children between them, the Hill's are no strangers to raising children. They have one adopted son at home and realize they have a lot to share with another child. James and Charlene hope to adopt a Caucasian boy between three and six years of age. They are open to a child with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. This is a fun family that enjoys vacations and traveling around in their RV home. They also plan to buy some vacation property on which to build a cabin. Both James and Charlene have large, open hearts and realize there are adjustments to be made when adding a new family member. They are a loving family and welcoming of the challenges and rewards adoption will bring to the entire family.





HINDES
090-19998

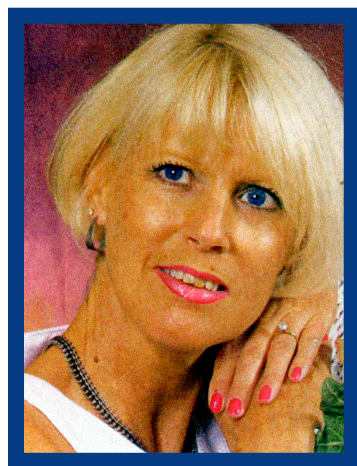
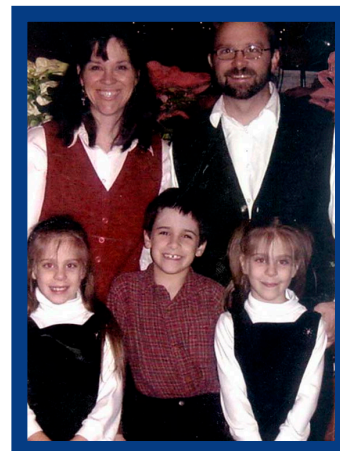
Couple
Caucasian

Tim and Jodi would like to adopt a Caucasian, Native American, Oriental, or Hispanic boy between six and ten years of age. They have experienced international adoption with their son, Daniel, from Korea. Daniel is full of energy and very active and the Hindes' would like him to have a brother to play with. Tim and Jodi have expressed their ability to responsibly care for and love a child with up to moderate challenges in many areas. Tim Hindes is described as family-oriented, flexible, outgoing, joking, and social. Jodi is the nurturing and mild mannered person that tries to please others. The family is very active and enjoys attending church, camping, fishing, reading, swimming, and Tim enjoys participating in Civil War reenactments.

HOGSTROM
092-7458

Couple
Caucasian

Matt and Belinda have three adopted children and would like to adopt up to three more, either siblings or individuals, from birth to age eight. They have no preference for race or gender and feel confident in parenting children with up to moderate emotional and learning challenges, correctable physical challenges, and possible mild mental retardation. The Hogstrom's are committed to providing a home that embraces and cultivates their children's heritage and culture, if different than their own. The Walker's children are each eager to have more siblings and look forward to "teaching them the ropes." Belinda is a stay-at-home mom who homeschools her children and plans to continue doing so.



HOLLINGSWORTH
090-12373

Single
Caucasian

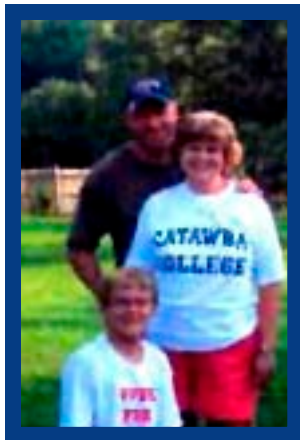
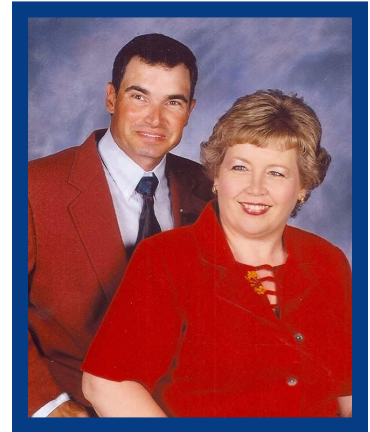
Naomi Hollingsworth is an outgoing, friendly woman with a heart of gold. She hopes to share her home and heart with a boy or girl between birth and six years old. Naomi has no racial preferences and is confident that she can love and raise a special needs child with mild physical, emotional or learning challenges. Having had twelve years of parenting experience, Naomi believes in her heart that she has much love to offer a child.



HOUSE
064-22198

Couple
Caucasian

William and Tammy House are a delightful couple who are interested in becoming parents through adoption. They are willing to become foster parents for the purpose of foster-to-adopt placements only. The House's hope to adopt a Caucasian girl between five and ten years of age, but are willing to consider a boy in the same age range. They hope to adopt a relatively healthy child, but are willing to discuss mild physical and emotional challenges. William and Tammy are hardworking, caring, positive, upbeat, dependable, and just plain "good people" who make you feel comfortable in their presence.



HUMMEL
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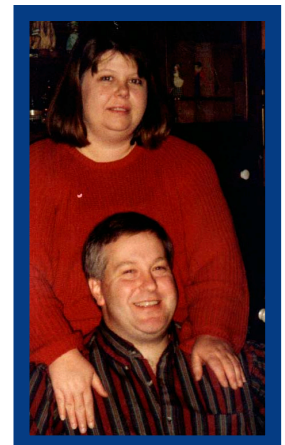
Couple
Caucasian

Richard and Tracie Hummel have one birth son thirteen years old and would like to extend their family by adopting a relatively healthy Caucasian boy or girl between birth and two years of age. Mild developmental delays or special needs will be acceptable if they do not require that a parent stay at home with the child during the day. The Hummel's are licensed foster parents and would like to foster-to-adopt. Tracie Hummel is very active with students and athletics at the community college where she works. She also loves to read and support their son in his athletic activities. Richard loves a good joke and figuring out how to fix some machine or translate an idea into a plan that eventually becomes a reality.

JOHNSON
078-16435

Couple
Caucasian

Edward "Randy" and Ruth "Ann" Johnson are friendly, loving people who enjoy helping others. They share a strong sense of family and each has a terrific sense of humor. The Johnsons enjoy attending church, fishing, camping, sports, traveling, music, collecting items from junk stores, and visiting educational and historical sites. They have two dogs that live in the home, but also have an outside pen. Edward and Ruth hope to adopt a child, or sibling group of two children, between birth and six years of age within the normal range of intelligence and minimal special needs. They would like to adopt a child of Caucasian, Caucasian/Hispanic, or Caucasian/Native American ethnicity.





LAND
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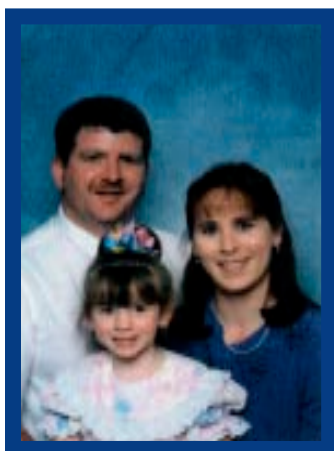
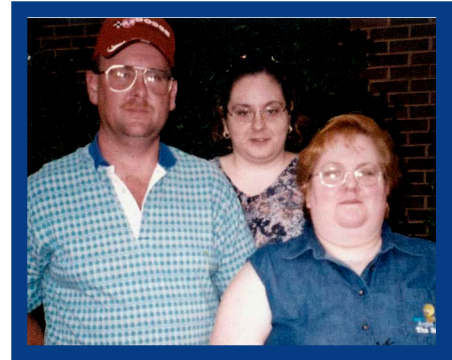
Couple
Caucasian

Phillip and Lori Land are motivated to adopt because they love children and are family oriented. They are a mature couple prepared to provide care to a child 0-3 months or sibling group of two children up to age four. The Land's are licensed foster parents with the experience of fostering four children. Lori is a speech therapist accustomed to working with special needs children and has completed nine additional hours of training since becoming a licensed foster parent. They are open to a Caucasian or Caucasian/Hispanic child with possible mild physical or learning disabilities that they will discuss on an individual basis. Lori is a loving, giving, compassionate and outgoing person. Phillip is a jovial and giving person who loves life and enjoys every day.

KEITH
090-18022

Couple
Caucasian

Brian and Joni would like to adopt a boy or girl, or sibling group up to the age of twelve. They have no ethnic preferences and are open to children with mild mental retardation and/or moderate physical, emotional or learning challenges. Joni Keith worked in a group home with special needs children and adults for three years and is currently working toward a degree in Early Childhood Education. She also operates a daycare. Joni's birth daughter is enrolled in college and lives with them during vacations. They are licensed foster parents and would like to adopt a child to raise together. The Keith's feel they have the time, the patience, the resources, and the stability to do so successfully and lovingly.



KEITH
063-14152

Couple
Caucasian

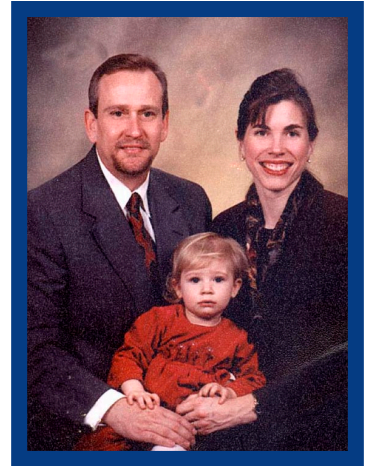
Eight-year-old Taylor would like a younger brother from birth to seven years old to share her toy dinosaurs with. Taylor's parents, Ginger and Tony, believe having a brother will be good for Taylor. They hope to provide a loving home for a healthy Caucasian boy, but they believe they can work with a child that has mild emotional or learning disabilities. They do not feel prepared for a child with major physical handicaps or medical conditions, or a child with severe emotional challenges.



LAMM
032-8327

Couple
Caucasian

A girl of any race from age four to fifteen would be ideal to join the home of Greg and Stephanie, although they would be willing to consider a boy, as well. Their three-year-old biological daughter, Katerina, would love to have an older sister to play with. This couple is ready to share their enjoyment of cooking, sports and travel with their new family member. Stephanie is fluent in Spanish and they both are interested in different cultures. The Lamms feel they would be able to work with a child who has mild physical, emotional or learning disabilities. They have much to offer another child and will



LAWSON
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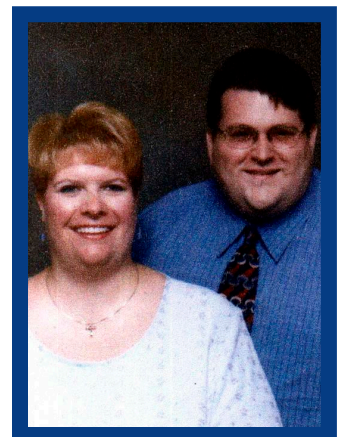
Couple
African American

Michael and Angela Lawson would like to adopt an African American girl between one and three years of age. As a little sister to Angela's sons, one of whom lives with them, the Lawsons are open to a legal risk placement. They feel confident in successfully and happily raising a child with an unknown medical and mental health history and mild medical and mental health issues of the birth family.

LECOUNT
092-14926

Couple
Caucasian

An older Caucasian child up to ten years with mild to moderate delays will be welcome in Kevin and Heidi's home. They hope to adopt a boy or girl, or sibling group of two children. This couple enjoys traveling, sports activities and spending time with friends. As parents, the LeCounts hope to teach their child how to lead a positive and healthy lifestyle with the same basic values that they each grew up with. They are willing to maintain contact with siblings, former foster parents or other significant people from their adoptive child's past. They are also open to a foster-to-adopt situation.



LYNCH
098-13573

Couple
African American

The Lynch's feel they have been blessed with so much that they are eager to open their home and hearts to another child. They are a very caring and nurturing family with a nine-year-old biological son. Jonas and Diane hope to adopt a younger African American boy between birth and seven years of age. They are aware of the special needs of children in care and are accepting of mild emotional, physical, and developmental needs. Young J.J. is ready to share his room, his trampoline, his love of sports, and his mom and dad with a younger brother.



LOVITT
082-18897

Couple
Caucasian

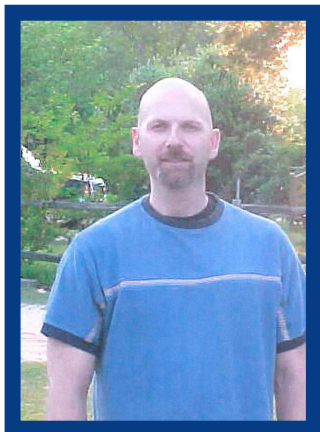
Neal and Belva Lovitt are experienced parents, raising two daughters by Belva's previous marriage. Their daughters, ages 13 and 16, consider Neal their "real dad." The Lovitt's would like to foster-to-adopt one or two children of almost any race between birth and 18 years of age. They feel they can provide a structured, loving home to children with mild emotional, learning, or mental disabilities. The Lovitt family are ready to open their hearts and homes and share their joy of fishing, playing games, swimming, and visiting family and amusement parks with their new family members.

LYLES
090-19697

Couple
African American

Brenda and Lorance Lyles have one adopted and two birth sons who are reportedly excited and supportive of welcoming another child into their family. The Lyle's would like to adopt an African American girl up to five years of age, but will consider a child a little older and are open to a legal risk placement. They are willing to consider a child with some behavior challenges, but no serious emotional or behavioral disorders. They also do not feel able to consider a child who requires constant medical attention. Brenda Lyles is described as friendly, happy, a little "nutty", compassionate, and talkative. Lorance is also friendly, outgoing, talkative, and loves to laugh. Their sons are active in sports, school activities, and church.





MAXWELL
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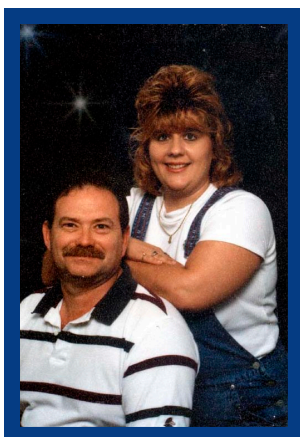
Single
Caucasian

Kevin Maxwell has a pleasant and welcoming demeanor. He is currently employed at a Christian school where he teaches seventh and eighth grade children. Kevin has worked with and taught special needs children and has worked with children in some capacity for the majority of his life. He lives on a family farm community with extended family surrounding him. Kevin would like to adopt a Caucasian boy between 5 and 10 years of age. He will consider adopting a male sibling if two children are to be adopted together. He is open to a child with moderate emotional and mental needs and mild physical and medical needs.

MCNEILL
026-17157

Couple
African American

Roscoe and Maggie McNeill are a lively and active couple. Roscoe works full time during the day, while Maggie works part-time and will be at home to raise their adoptive child. They have parenting experience with one adult child with disabilities who lives next door, and one child with no special needs. Roscoe and Maggie believe they have a lot to offer a child with mild mental, emotional or medical needs. They hope to adopt a girl of any racial heritage between birth and age six.



MECIMORE
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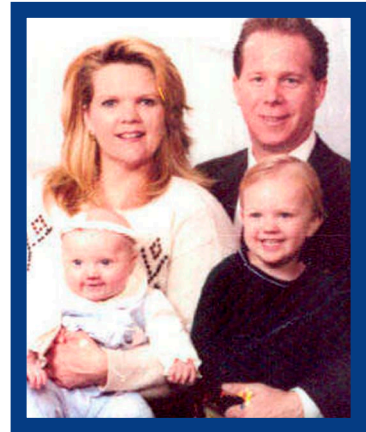
Couple
Caucasian

Bruce and Pamela seek to fulfill their dreams of a happy family by adopting up to three siblings from infant to eleven years old. They prefer children of a Caucasian background, but are also open to Latino and American Indian. This loving couple feels prepared for children dealing with mild emotional problems, as well as children with mild learning disabilities. However, they feel less confident regarding children who are physically or mentally handicapped. Bruce and Pamela believe that a good education is necessary for children to succeed and are ready to help their future children with the guidance and resources they will need. The couple's lifestyle is centered around family and work. They love to go camping and care for their pets. Bruce has an adult son from a previous marriage and both have had other experiences working with children. They are prepared and eager to share their home.

MILLER
060-17470

Couple
Caucasian

The Millers are already the biological parents to two birth children and feel that they have much more to offer other children. They have a unique perspective on adoption, as Julie was adopted. Her adoptive mother died when she was sixteen, so Julie understands the loss and grief children in foster care go through. She has also had contact with her birthmother and understands those issues, as well. Julie and Joe hope to adopt up to three children between birth and twelve years of age. They are an active family and feel confident in successfully raising and loving boys and/or girls with mild to moderate emotional challenges and moderate learning challenges. They are open to mixed racial backgrounds.



MITKUS
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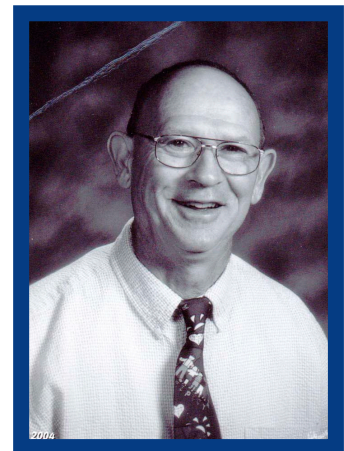
Single
Caucasian

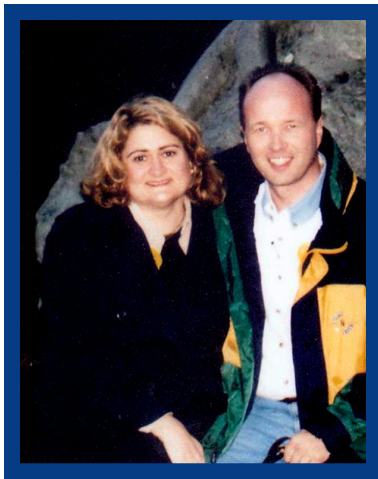
Kerry and her daughter, Cadie, would like another child in their family. They hope to welcome a girl or two sisters between birth and eight years of age. Kerry has no hesitation in adopting a child that is white, biracial or Native American with mild disabilities. She is described as outgoing and patient with a good sense of humor. Kerry and Cadie both love animals and they have two dogs and three cats. Kerry shows evidence of being an involved and dedicated parent who will provide a nurturing home for a child.

MORTON
85-2592

Single
Caucasian

Being in the educational system for 45 years led Bruce Morton to becoming a foster parent. In his own words, he has fostered just about every "make and model" of child in the foster care system. Bruce has two adopted children, one with fetal alcohol syndrome and ADHD, so he is well aware of the possible challenges of children in care. Bruce would like to adopt a boy (variety of ethnicities or biracial) between 9 and 15 years of age. It is important to Bruce that this child be physically able to function in the school system and participate in sports.





NORBERG
090-20002

Couple
Caucasian

Ken and Andrea Norberg are foster parents who would like to adopt up to three Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or biracial children from birth to age six. They are open to legal risk placements and will consider older children on an individual basis. They feel capable of parenting children with mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ken and Andrea are a vivacious couple whose comforting personalities make a stranger feel at ease and welcome in their home. Both are active in their church and church choir and enjoy politics, traveling, gardening, computers, and animals. The Norbergs raise honeybees and have a cat. They have many friends and enjoy socializing and spending time with family and friends.

NORWOOD
090-17196

Jessica has already adopted one child and would like to adopt a brother or sister who can join their family. As a gentle, soft-spoken woman, Jessica feels she can parent a child with a mild physical disability or developmental delays, failure to thrive or asthma. She understands that some children might be slow to attach. Jessica hopes to adopt a Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or Hawaiian child between birth and two years of age.

Single
Caucasian



OAKLEY
090-20134

Couple
Caucasian

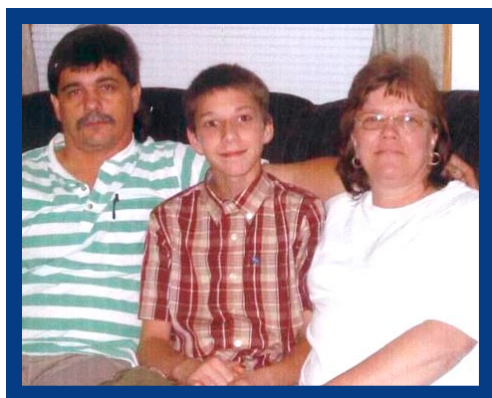


Lee and Lisa Oakley would like to adopt from one to three children between birth and ten years of age, but prefer at least one child to be younger than five. They have no gender or ethnic preference and are open to children with moderate levels and a wide range of challenges. Lisa's two birth sons live with them and help out with the foster children that are placed with the family. The boys have been positive role models for these children and have made them feel comfortable and at home with their family. Lee and Lisa are very involved with their church and are also involved in building a new program to work with abused and neglected children. This program will be held on a horse farm and the long-term goal is to provide summer camps and individual counseling to children with these challenges.

PALLARES
092-16876

Couple
Hispanic

Michael and Maribel would like to adopt a Hispanic child with limited English ability so they can give the child a healthy jump in life, but they are open to a variety of ethnicities and the child does not have to be Spanish-speaking. A boy or girl, age four to twelve with possibly mild emotional or learning disabilities would be ideal for the Pallares to adopt. They love to go to amusement parks to ride roller coasters, go out to eat, listen to music and play with their dogs, Tempest Moon and Mini Pearl, who are great with children.



PERRYMAN
029-22651

Couple
Caucasian

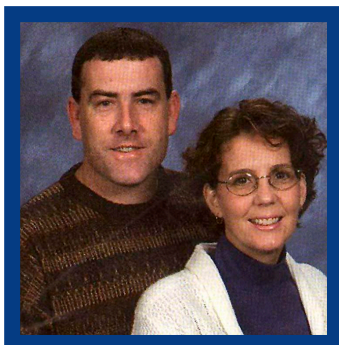
Robert and Tina Perryman are experienced with adopting children in North Carolina, as they have adopted one son whom they have raised since birth. Their son, Robert, understands that he will have to share his parents when another child joins their family and he feels ready for the challenge. The Perryman's would like to adopt a child between three and five years old, but will consider a child up to nine years of age. They prefer a child of Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, or Hawaiian Native ethnicity, or a combination of any of those races. Robert and Tina would like a healthy child with possible mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.

PITTS
034-9432

Couple
Caucasian

David and Phyllis are licensed foster parents who are willing to accept a legal risk placement. They hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl, or up to two children, between two and twelve years of age. Children with mild special needs (emotional, academic, behavioral, or medical) will be considered. The Pitts' both feel that parents of special needs children have a responsibility to teach the child how to break the cycles of abuse and neglect so the child can move on to become a good parent and successful person. They understand the importance of building trust with the child and helping the child to feel safe and secure with them.





RICHARDS
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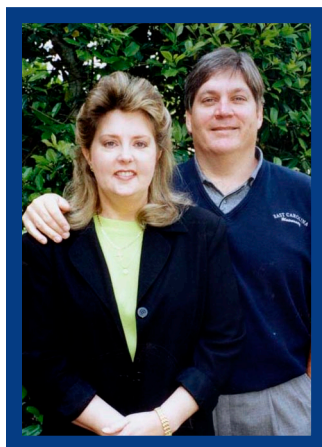
Couple
Caucasian

Andy and Sheila Richards would like to adopt a Caucasian sibling group of two girls, but will consider one child from one to six years of age. They are open to children with learning disabilities and minor, correctable physical health needs. As a speech pathologist, Sheila believes that her work experience in a hospital dealing with children whose parents were in crisis will help her in parenting a child who has been involved with the child welfare system. Both Andy and Sheila demonstrate a strong commitment to the process and understanding of foster care and adoption, including bonding and attachment, grief, loss, abandonment, behavior management without corporal punishment, and child development. The Richards family enjoys spending time with their church family, walking their dog, managing softball teams, and visiting their parents and family.

ROBBINS
049-22385

Couple
Caucasian

Being licensed foster parents, the Robbins' understand the issues a child in foster care often carries. They have adopted three children through the system, one with RAD and other challenges. They also have two teenaged birth daughters, so they have plenty of parenting experience. Mark and Lisa would like to adopt up to two more children of any gender or ethnicity between age two and five. They are open to some minor or mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Robbins' family center many of their activities around church, but also have a wonderful home with lots of fun activities for their children.



ROCKENHAUSER
054-0072

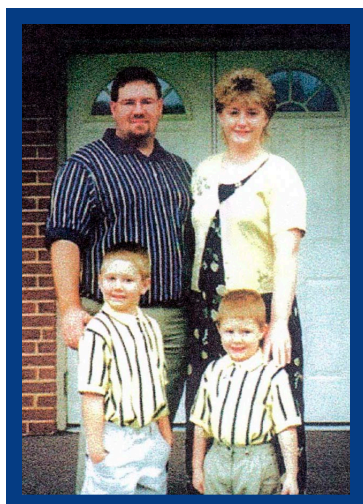
Couple
Caucasian

James and Sandra are interested in adopting a boy and/or girl (sibling group) from birth to six years of age. They are accepting of Caucasian or biracial heritage. They believe they can provide for a child with correctable handicaps, but are not comfortable with a child that has allergies, mental retardation, severe physical/mental handicaps or hyperactivity that cannot be controlled. James and Sandra are a loving couple with a wonderful sense of humor and they complement each other's styles. Both have no second thoughts about adoption and both feel they have lots to offer their adoptive child. The Rockenhausers are open to maintaining important contacts for the children.

SHERROD
032-19867

Single
African American

Shuphora Sherrod is a friendly and very likable woman. She is an experienced foster parent who would like to adopt a child or sibling group of up to four children. Ms. Sherrod has no gender or ethnicity preferences and will consider the special needs of each on an individual basis. Compatibility and "fit" are the most important criteria to Shuphora. She has a strong support system, including her mother who is a therapeutic foster parent. Shuphora enjoys being a member of a motorcycle club, going to movies, home improvement projects, working out at the gym, and entertaining friends. She is aware that her life will change in remarkable ways when she welcomes a child into her family and she is prepared for those changes. Shuphora plans to continue fostering children, so her adopted child must be compatible with other children.



ROSS
006-5226

Couple
Caucasian

Dillian, age eight, and his brother, Hayden, five, are hoping to find a sister to adopt. Mom and Dad say she can be as old as seven, but Hayden hopes she's younger than him so he can be a big brother, too. Kenneth and Regina will consider a brother and sister sibling group in the same age range. They have no ethnic preferences. Regina and Kenneth are accepting of a child or children with medical or developmental needs, and/or mild emotional needs. Having been adopted at age ten, Regina believes she has a good understanding of adoptive children's fears and needs, which has made her an even better mother. This active family enjoys playing sports, traveling, restoring old cars and painting wood crafts.

SPELL
082-13251

Couple
Caucasian

The Spell's have fostered children since 2003. They have found their parenting experiences to be positive and look forward to adopting a male or female, or sibling group from six months to four years of age. They prefer a Caucasian child, but are open to Hispanic or other racial ethnicity. They feel capable of successfully raising a child with mild learning, medical, developmental, or behavior challenges including ADHD, RAD, or other attachment disorders. Arnold and Bobbie are conscious of the special needs that foster and adoptive children may have and feel they can meet those needs. Their extended family is in complete support of their adopting a child.





SIMPSON
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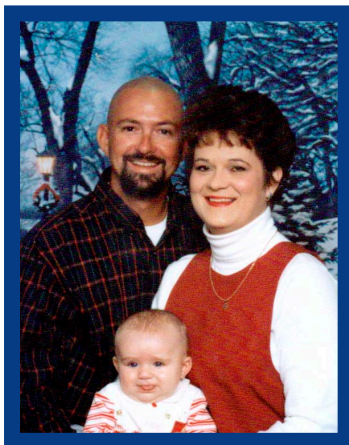
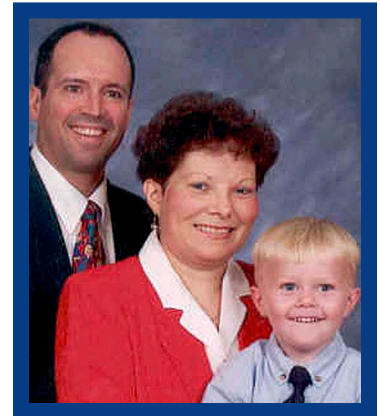
Single
Caucasian

Rosemary and her birth daughter, Savannah, are looking forward to adopting a sister for Savannah between two and nine years old. Rosemary is a licensed foster parent and prefers a foster-to-adopt child of Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent. She is open to a child with up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Savannah would like to introduce her new sister to the joys of acrobatics, acting, and Girl Scouts.

SMITH
080-20204

Couple
Caucasian & Native America

The Smith's are no strangers to the adoption process; they fostered and adopted their four-year-old son. They hope to adopt a brother or sister between two and six years of age for Daniel. They are open to a variety of ethnicities and possibly mild overall challenges. Kelly is currently a nurse considering going back to school. Donna is a minister with a loving and open heart. The Smith's are licensed foster parents and would like to foster-to-adopt again.



STANLEY
010-16301

Couple
Caucasian

Being foster parents has been a valuable experience for Jamie and Kim Stanley. They fostered a sibling group of four brothers from age one to twelve in hopes of adopting them. The decision to place the boys in another county was heartbreaking for the Stanleys, but they understood and accepted that it was in the best interest of the children. Jamie and Kim have adopted a girl and hope to adopt two more children of any race or gender between birth and twelve years of age. They are open to children with mild physical or moderate emotional or learning challenges.



THOMPSON
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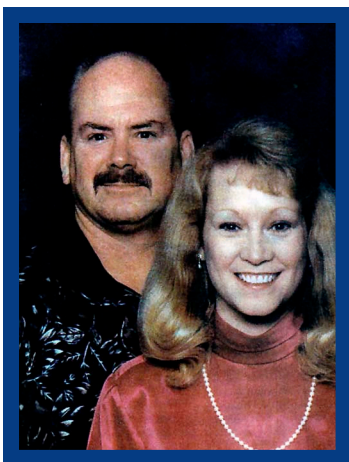
Single
African American

Monique Thompson is eager to become an adoptive parent as she feels she can have a positive impact on a child's life. She understands that parenting an adoptive child may present some unique issues and will totally change her life, but she prepared to deal with whatever comes along. Monique would like to adopt an African American girl or sibling group of two girls between one and eight years old. As a single parent she is open to children with mild special needs.

TODD
090-17490

Couple
Caucasian

Chip and Connie Todd are loving and moral people with a deep faith in God. Chip is an ordained Deacon and both work closely with both toddlers and teens in the church. The Todds would like to adopt a girl or sibling group of two, as long as one is a girl, from age four to nine years old. They are open to a child's heritage of Caucasian or several mixed ethnicities. Chip and Connie feel confident they can love and successfully raise a child with minor emotional or learning disabilities. The Todds are licensed foster parents willing to accept legal risk children.



WADDLE/ZIEMER
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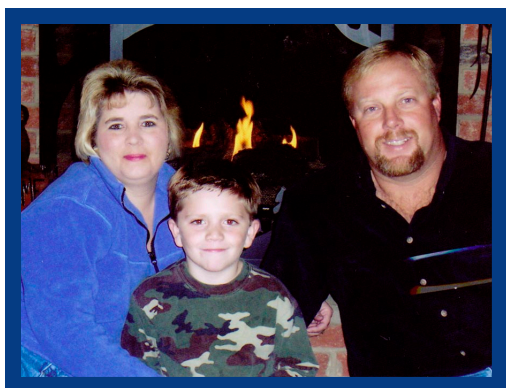
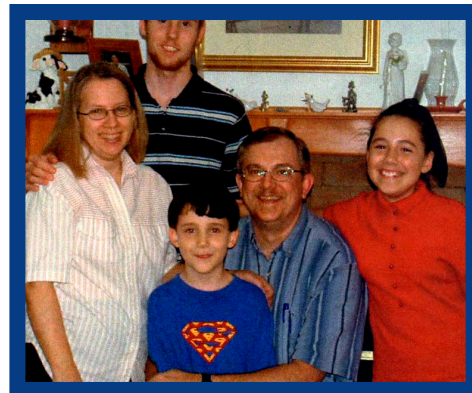
Couple
Caucasian

With backgrounds in veterinary medicine, it is no wonder that Jerry Waddle and Ellen Ziemer would own a large horse farm where they breed and raise horses. They have two birth children nearly grown and one adopted child from Guatemala. They have already demonstrated the ability to attach to a child who is not their biological child through slowly building trust and meeting needs. They hope to adopt a Caucasian, Hispanic or Native American boy or girl between three and eight years old. Jerry and Ellen feel confident in raising a child with zero-to-mild physical, learning or emotional challenges.

WALKER
929-19207

Couple
Caucasian

Kim and Jo Anne are experienced foster and adoptive parents, having already adopted three children, two of which were foster-to-adopt. Their family-oriented lifestyle and experience with children with disabilities makes them perfect candidates to foster-to-adopt another child. The Walker's would like to adopt a girl, or sibling group of up to three children, up to eight years of age. While they prefer a Caucasian child, they are receptive to all biracial combinations and are open to a legal risk child. Kim and Jo Anne feel able to parent a child with mild-to-moderate physical, emotional, developmental, and social challenges and learning disabilities. They express concern about parenting a child who has been sexually abused. The Walker's enjoy attending their children's sporting events and are looking forward to introducing their new family member to their dog, cat, parakeets, and guinea pig.



WHALEY
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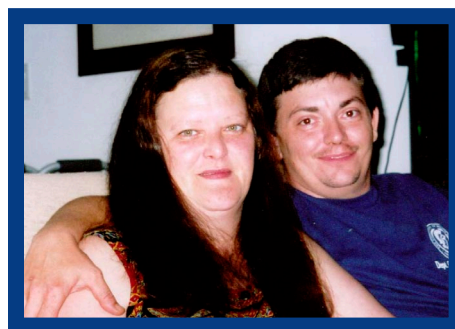
Couple
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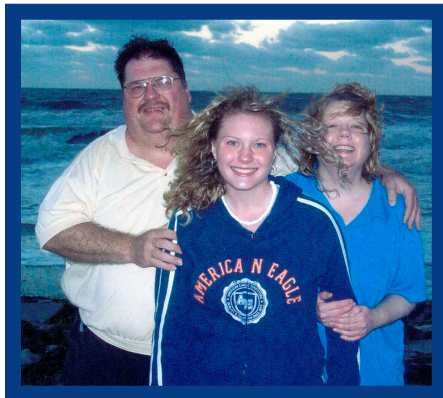
Michael and Melissa have known each other since elementary school when Melissa told her mother she would marry Michael. Many years later, she did just that. Having already adopted one child, the Whaley's are both experienced and very excited about adopting another to add to their loving family. They would like to adopt a Caucasian or biracial Hispanic/Caucasian boy or girl between birth and four years of age. Michael and Melissa hope to adopt a child who is in good health, or who has minor correctable health needs.

WHITLING
076-21390

Couple
Caucasian

Terry and Deborah Whitling are licensed foster parents who hope to adopt children of any race or gender up to the age of seventeen. They prefer a sibling group to prevent separation and are open to adopting up to five siblings. The Whitling's will consider children that are emotionally, physically, and/or intellectually challenged or have been physically or sexually abused. Terry and Deborah's interests include flea-marketing, reading, computers, and animals.





WIDENER
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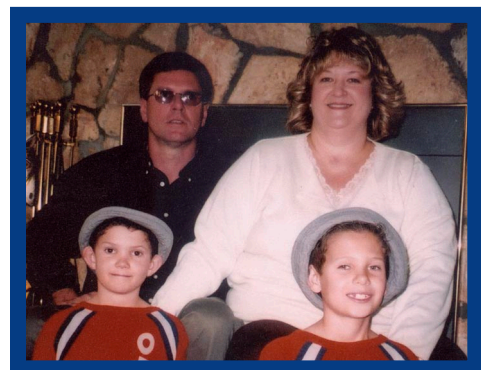
Couple
Caucasian

William and Linda Widener have been licensed foster parents since 2004. They have a great deal of parenting experience with their birth daughter, who will be leaving for college next year. William and Linda also have plenty of experience working with the school system and ensuring that all resources have been utilized in advocating for their daughter's learning disability. They will ensure that an adopted child will receive whatever resources he or she requires. The Widener's would like to adopt one or two girls between three and fifteen years of age. They are open to a wide range of ethnicities and feel confident in loving, supporting, and successfully raising children with mild physical or learning challenges and up-to-moderate emotional challenges.

WILLIAMS
090-18010

Couple
Caucasian

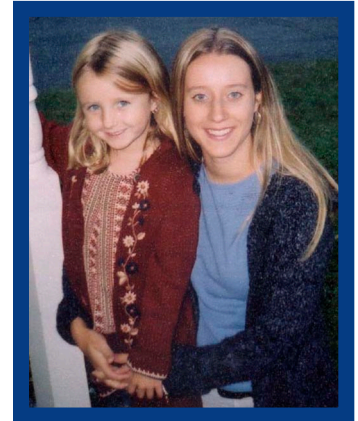
Eddie and Starla would like to adopt a little sister for their two birth sons. The Williams family is loving and close and they enjoy singing songs and playing games. They also like to play outside and ride their bikes together. Eddie and Starla hope to adopt a Caucasian girl from birth to age four. They will consider a child of multiethnic descent, including Caucasian/Hispanic, Caucasian/Native American and/or Caucasian/Asian ethnicity. The Williams' feel confident in successfully raising a child with mild mental or physical limitations. Starla is an elementary school teacher and has experience with a variety of children. They are licensed foster parents and willing to accept a legal risk placement.



WITHERSPOON
005-17808

Single
Caucasian

Wendy Witherspoon and her bubbly daughter, Maggie, would love to welcome a younger brother to their active, enjoyable life. They love to be outside jumping on the trampoline, playing sports, riding bikes, or taking walks. Both Wendy and Maggie belong to sports teams and are each other's biggest fans. They hope to adopt an African American or African American/Caucasian child between birth and seven years of age. They feel they can offer a child with mild physical or learning challenges, and up to moderate emotional issues, a safe and loving forever family.



YOPP
065-18486

Couple
Caucasian

Jan and Gordon Yopp have a strong, loving relationship and believe they are capable of providing all of the love and nurturing their adoptive child may need. They feel that each child deserves to have a clear understanding of the expectations of the parents and that, with patience and calm resolve, children can be raised without corporal punishment. They understand and utilize alternatives and know that they work. Jan and Gordon would like to adopt a Caucasian or Asian girl or sibling group between five and ten years of age. They have successfully raised Jan's two birth daughters and have the love and experience to raise more children in need of stability, consistency, understanding, and nurturing.

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